



“Keep Our Beaches Open”

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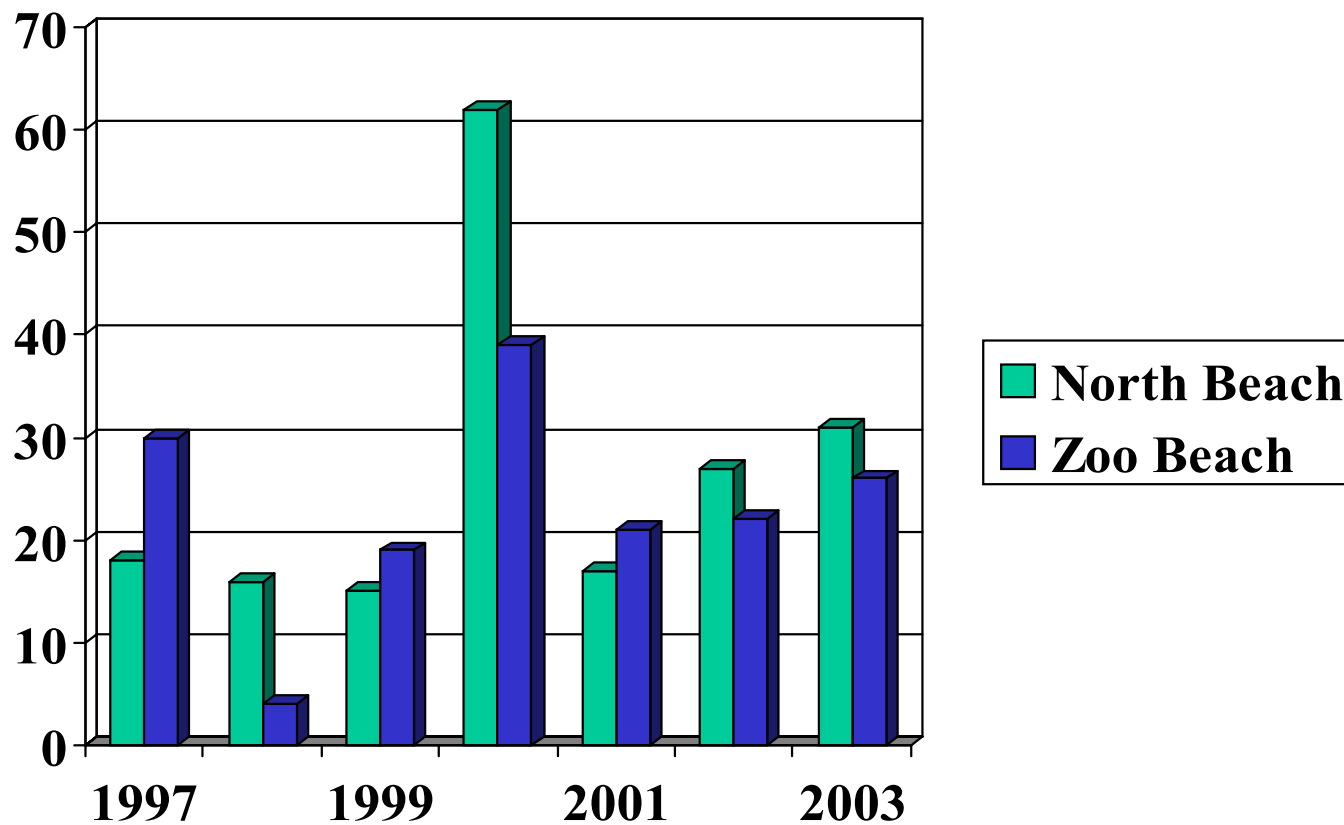
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KOBO's Mission

- To improve Lake Michigan's water quality so that Racine's beaches will be clean, healthy, and **open** forever and for all. We will initiate public education efforts about pollution sources, conduct research into possible solutions, and work collaboratively with governmental agencies and other concerned groups.

Racine Beach Closings 97-03



KOBO's Activities-Education

- **Self-education**

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- Bacteria Busters game

BE A BACTERIA BUSTER..
TRY THE BACTERIA GAME.



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A COMMUNITY PROJECT OF
YMCA RIVER BEND NATURE CENTER

DAYS CLOSED TO DATE

'97 '98 '99 '00

NORTH BEACH 1271 116 115

ZOO BEACH 172 14 119



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WHAT'S CLOSING THE BEACHES?

Bacteria from human & animal waste



STORM DRAIN

Storm drains collect rainwater from streets, parking lots, and other paved areas. This water often contains oil, grease, and other pollutants that can harm the environment.



RECREATION

Recreational activities like swimming, surfing, and sunbathing can introduce bacteria to the water.



AGRICULTURE

Agricultural activities, such as raising livestock, can contribute to bacterial contamination of the water.



WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Wastewater treatment plants can sometimes release bacteria into the water.



ROCKY BEACH

Rocky beaches can harbor bacteria, especially in tide pools.

For more information, visit the website at www.beachclosures.org. This website provides information on beach closures and how to stay safe when swimming.





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- Other initiatives

KOBO's Activities-Research

- **EMPACT**
- **Support of efforts by**
 - **Racine Health Department**
 - **WATER Institute of UW-Milwaukee**

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- English St. outfall redesign







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- **English St. outfall redesign**
- **Southeast Wisconsin Beach Task Force**
- **Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network**
- **DNR BEACH Workgroup**